Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

March 2017

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering March 12th to 18th, 2017, there were 561,200 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is a decrease of 2,400 from February 2017 but 2,000 more than the number employed in March 2016.

Agricultural employment was 35,800 persons in March 2017, down 900 from the February 2017 level and 4,400 less than the March 2016 agricultural employment level of 40,200. Non-agricultural employment was 525,400 persons in March 2017. This is a decrease of 1,500 from the February 2017 non-agriculture employment level of 526,900 but 6,400 more than March 2016.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for March 2017 was 6.7 percent. This is an increase of 0.2 percentage points from the February 2017 rate of 6.5 percent but 0.2 percentage points lower than the March 2016 level of 6.9 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 900 to 601,600 persons in March 2017 from 602,500 persons in February 2017. This is 900 more than the March 2016 labour force of 600,700 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.2 percentage points to 68.8 percent in March 2017 from 69.0 percent in February 2017. The March 2016 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.3 percent.

There were 40,500 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during March 2017. This is an increase of 1,600 from February 2017 but is 1,100 less than the number unemployed in March 2016.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 570,400 persons employed in Saskatchewan in March 2017, down 5,100 from the February 2017 level of 575,500 but is up 2,200 from the March 2016 employment level of 568,200 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March 2017 was 6.0 percent. This remained unchanged from the February 2017 rate of 6.0 percent and 0.2 percentage points lower than the March 2016 rate of 6.2 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 25,500 persons in March 2017 to 18,018,300 persons from 17,992,800 persons in February 2017. In March 2016, there were 17,726,600 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.2 percentage points in March 2017 to 7.2 percent from the February 2017 level of 7.0 percent. In March 2016, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.7 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.7 percent in March 2017. This is 0.1 percentage points higher than February 2017 but 0.4 percentage points lower than the March 2016 level of 7.1 percent.

For more details, contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-6335 or visit www.stats.gov.sk.ca

TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	March 2017	February 2017	March 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	19,412.4	19,342.8	19,199.2	69.6	213.2
Employed ('000)	18,018.3	17,992.8	17,726.6	25.5	291.7
Full-Time ('000)	14,397.5	14,357.4	14,159.9	40.1	237.6
Part-Time ('000)	3,620.7	3,635.5	3,566.7	-14.8	54.0
Unemployed ('000)	1,394.1	1,349.9	1,472.6	44.2	-78.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.2	7.0	7.7	0.2	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.7	6.6	7.1	0.1	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	65.2	65.0	65.1	0.2	0.1
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	601.6	602.5	600.7	-0.9	0.9
Employed ('000)	561.2	563.6	559.2	-2.4	2.0
Full-Time ('000)	456.1	456.1	450.1	0.0	6.0
Part-Time ('000)	105.0	107.5	109.1	-2.5	-4.1
Unemployed ('000)	40.5	38.9	41.6	1.6	-1.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.7	6.5	6.9	0.2	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.0	6.0	6.2	0.0	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	68.8	69.0	69.3	-0.2	-0.5
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,483.1	2,462.3	2,448.8	20.8	34.3
Employed ('000)	2,263.7	2,249.8	2,259.6	13.9	4.1
Full-Time ('000)	1,827.1	1,814.0	1,834.6	13.1	-7.5
Part-Time ('000)	436.6	435.9	425.0	0.7	11.6
Unemployed ('000)	219.4	212.4	189.2	7.0	30.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.8	8.6	7.7	0.2	1.1
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	8.4	8.3	7.2	0.1	1.2
Participation Rate (%)	72.7	72.1	72.2	0.6	0.5
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	672.1	669.6	670.4	2.5	1.7
Employed ('000)	634.9	629.5	629.6	5.4	5.3
Full-Time ('000)	509.7	505.4	503.0	4.3	6.7
Part-Time ('000)	125.2	124.1	126.6	1.1	-1.4
Unemployed ('000)	37.2	40.1	40.8	-2.9	-3.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.5	6.0	6.1	-0.5	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.5	5.8	6.0	-0.3	-0.5
Participation Rate (%)	66.6	66.5	67.4	0.1	-0.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	March 2017	February 2017	March 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	601.6	602.5	600.7	-0.9	0.9
Male	325.9	326.1	325.3	-0.2	0.6
Female	275.7	276.4	275.4	-0.7	0.3
15-24 Years of Age	82.1	83.1	86.0	-1.0	-3.9
25+ Years of age	519.5	519.4	514.8	0.1	4.7
EMPLOYED ('000)	561.2	563.6	559.2	-2.4	2.0
Male	299.0	301.4	298.9	-2.4	0.1
Female	262.2	262.1	260.2	0.1	2.0
15-24 Years of Age	71.8	73.4	74.7	-1.6	-2.9
25+ Years of age	489.4	490.2	484.5	-0.8	4.9
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	40.5	38.9	41.6	1.6	-1.1
Male	26.9	24.7	26.4	2.2	0.5
Female	13.6	14.3	15.2	-0.7	-1.6
15-24 Years of Age	10.3	9.8	11.3	0.5	-1.0
25+ Years of age	30.1	29.2	30.3	0.9	-0.2
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	6.7	6.5	6.9	0.2	-0.2
Male	8.3	7.6	8.1	0.7	0.2
Female	4.9	5.2	5.5	-0.3	-0.6
15-24 Years of Age	12.5	11.8	13.1	0.7	-0.6
25+ Years of age	5.8	5.6	5.9	0.2	-0.1
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	68.8	69.0	69.3	-0.2	-0.5
Male	74.0	74.1	74.5	-0.1	-0.5
Female	63.6	63.8	64.1	-0.2	-0.5
15-24 Years of Age	61.3	62.1	63.6	-0.8	-2.3
25+ Years of age	70.2	70.2	70.4	0.0	-0.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	March 2017	February 2017	March 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	35.8	36.7	40.2	-0.9	-4.4
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	23.6	23.6	24.1	0.0	-0.5
Utilities	6.9	6.6	7.0	0.3	-0.1
Construction	45.3	47.1	49.9	-1.8	-4.6
Manufacturing	28.2	28.2	24.5	0.0	3.7
Trade	92.0	92.3	85.1	-0.3	6.9
Transportation and Warehousing	28.0	28.3	27.2	-0.3	0.8
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	27.0	26.4	29.9	0.6	-2.9
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	32.6	31.1	26.6	1.5	6.0
Business, Building and Other Support Services	12.4	12.1	12.3	0.3	0.1
Educational Services	43.5	44.7	43.9	-1.2	-0.4
Health Care and Social Assistance	76.6	77.4	78.8	-0.8	-2.2
Information, Culture and Recreation	20.2	20.5	18.9	-0.3	1.3
Accommodation and Food Services	36.2	36.2	37.5	0.0	-1.3
Other Services	24.2	23.5	25.5	0.7	-1.3
Public Administration	28.9	28.8	27.6	0.1	1.3
Total	561.2	563.6	559.2	-2.4	2.0
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	456.1	456.1	450.1	0.0	6.0
Part-Time	105.0	107.5	109.1	-2.5	-4.1
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	458.5	460.8	451.7	-2.3	6.8
Public Sector	138.3	140.3	140.8	-2.0	-2.5
Private Sector	320.2	320.5	310.9	-0.3	9.3
Self-Employed	102.7	102.8	107.5	-0.1	-4.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	March 2017	February 2017	March 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	18,018.3	17,992.8	17,726.6	25.5	291.7
Newfoundland & Labrador	214.3	213.7	220.4	0.6	-6.1
Prince Edward Island	68.5	69.2	66.8	-0.7	1.7
Nova Scotia	435.8	430.4	433.0	5.4	2.8
New Brunswick	341.0	338.2	332.7	2.8	8.3
Quebec	4,113.9	4,106.1	4,016.1	7.8	97.8
Ontario	6,961.7	6,981.9	6,874.4	-20.2	87.3
Manitoba	634.9	629.5	629.6	5.4	5.3
Saskatchewan	561.2	563.6	559.2	-2.4	2.0
Alberta	2,263.7	2,249.8	2,259.6	13.9	4.1
British Columbia	2,423.2	2,410.3	2,334.8	12.9	88.4
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.2	7.0	7.7	0.2	-0.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	17.5	16.7	15.2	0.8	2.3
Prince Edward Island	12.4	11.7	13.3	0.7	-0.9
Nova Scotia	9.9	9.2	10.1	0.7	-0.2
New Brunswick	9.6	10.0	11.9	-0.4	-2.3
Quebec	7.0	7.1	8.3	-0.1	-1.3
Ontario	6.8	6.3	7.1	0.5	-0.3
Manitoba	5.5	6.0	6.1	-0.5	-0.6
Saskatchewan	6.7	6.5	6.9	0.2	-0.2
Alberta	8.8	8.6	7.7	0.2	1.1
British Columbia	5.5	5.6	6.7	-0.1	-1.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	March 2017	February 2017	March 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	18,308.0	18,288.6	18,031.6	19.4	276.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	225.5	225.5	231.5	0.0	-6.0
Prince Edward Island	72.7	73.0	71.0	-0.3	1.7
Nova Scotia	450.5	445.9	447.7	4.6	2.8
New Brunswick	353.6	351.9	345.6	1.7	8.0
Quebec	4,193.9	4,191.5	4,097.3	2.4	96.6
Ontario	7,068.6	7,079.8	6,982.3	-11.2	86.3
Manitoba	640.5	637.7	635.9	2.8	4.6
Saskatchewan	570.4	575.5	568.2	-5.1	2.2
Alberta	2,289.3	2,268.9	2,290.9	20.4	-1.6
British Columbia	2,443.0	2,438.8	2,361.1	4.2	81.9
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	6.7	6.6	7.1	0.1	-0.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.9	14.2	13.0	0.7	1.9
Prince Edward Island	10.1	10.0	10.9	0.1	-0.8
Nova Scotia	8.6	8.1	9.0	0.5	-0.4
New Brunswick	8.4	8.9	10.2	-0.5	-1.8
Quebec	6.4	6.4	7.4	0.0	-1.0
Ontario	6.4	6.2	6.8	0.2	-0.4
Manitoba	5.5	5.8	6.0	-0.3	-0.5
Saskatchewan	6.0	6.0	6.2	0.0	-0.2
Alberta	8.4	8.3	7.2	0.1	1.2
British Columbia	5.4	5.1	6.4	0.3	-1.0

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	March 2017	February 2017	March 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	9.1	9.2	7.7	-0.1	1.4
Halifax	7.2	6.4	7.7	0.8	-0.5
Saint John	6.8	7.5	9.1	-0.7	-2.3
Quebec	4.7	4.7	5.6	0.0	-0.9
Montreal	7.1	6.9	8.8	0.2	-1.7
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.2	5.0	6.9	0.2	-1.7
Toronto	7.0	6.8	7.1	0.2	-0.1
Greater Sudbury	7.8	7.7	9.1	0.1	-1.3
Winnipeg	6.5	6.6	6.3	-0.1	0.2
Regina	5.3	5.4	5.5	-0.1	-0.2
Saskatoon	8.1	7.4	7.0	0.7	1.1
Calgary	9.1	9.2	8.9	-0.1	0.2
Edmonton	8.7	8.3	7.2	0.4	1.5
Vancouver	5.0	4.7	6.4	0.3	-1.4
Victoria	3.7	4.2	6.3	-0.5	-2.6
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	184.0	182.7	181.6	1.3	2.4
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	52.3	52.7	52.2	-0.4	0.1
Saskatoon-Biggar	191.2	193.2	191.4	-2.0	-0.2
Yorkton-Melville	37.7	37.9	34.6	-0.2	3.1
Prince Albert & Northern	95.9	95.3	99.4	0.6	-3.5

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	March 2017	February 2017	March 2016	Last Month	Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	601.3	601.0	598.8	0.3	2.5
Employed ('000)	560.1	561.0	559.6	-0.9	0.5
Unemployed ('000)	41.2	39.9	39.1	1.3	2.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.8	6.6	6.5	0.2	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	68.8	68.8	69.2	0.0	-0.4
Employment Rate (%)	64.1	64.3	64.6	-0.2	-0.5
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	543.9	543.7	547.3	0.2	-3.4
Employed ('000)	512.3	512.6	516.0	-0.3	-3.7
Unemployed ('000)	31.6	31.1	31.4	0.5	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.8	5.7	5.7	0.1	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	69.0	69.0	69.6	0.0	-0.6
Employment Rate (%)	65.0	65.1	65.6	-0.1	-0.6
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	57.4	57.2	51.4	0.2	6.0
Employed ('000)	47.8	48.4	43.7	-0.6	4.1
Unemployed ('000)	9.6	8.8	7.8	0.8	1.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	16.7	15.5	15.1	1.2	1.6
Participation Rate (%)	67.4	67.2	65.0	0.2	2.4
Employment Rate (%)	56.1	56.8	55.2	-0.7	0.9
FIRST NATIONS					
Labour Force ('000)	24.6	25.2	19.7	-0.6	4.9
Employed ('000)	19.4	20.3	15.0	-0.9	4.4
Unemployed ('000)	5.2	4.8	4.7	0.4	0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	21.1	19.1	23.7	2.0	-2.6
Participation Rate (%)	64.5	66.0	58.3	-1.5	6.2
Employment Rate (%)	50.9	53.4	44.4	-2.5	6.5
METIS					
Labour Force ('000)	32.6	32.0	31.3	0.6	1.3
Employed ('000)	28.3	27.9	28.2	0.4	0.1
Unemployed ('000)	4.3	4.0	3.1	0.3	1.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.3	12.6	9.9	0.7	3.4
Participation Rate (%)	69.6	68.2	70.9	1.4	-1.3
Employment Rate (%)	60.4	59.6	63.9	0.8	-3.5

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance